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MIGRANT IN SEARCH OF JOBS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increasing number of women migrating in search of jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the nature of the jobs in which migrants are engaged;

(d) whether the International Labour Organization (ILO) has conducted any study in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Indian software engineers and designers moving to the U.S. are a part of the brain drain from country to their origin; (g) if so, the details thereof; and (h) the number of the Indian scientists and the engineers and the Ph.D graduates in the U.S.?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (e): As per the Rer>ort-Vls 2004 of the International Labour. Organisation, the number of women emigrating for employment remains around 50% of such emigrants. The nature of jobs in which they are engaged mainly pertain to housemaids, garment workers, riurses, doctors and entertainers-etc.

(f) to (h): As per information available most of the FIOs / NRIs are engaged in the high-end professions as income of the Indian American Median Family is over US $ 61000 against the National Median Income of US $ 42000. With total population of Indian Americans being 2.3 million, nearly 61% of Indian Americans over the age of 25 years hold a bachelor degree or higher qualification. As per the estimates of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) and other organisations of Indian professionals, there are over 40000 Indian doctors and over 5 lakh technical experts of Indian origin working in USA. About 4.6% of the Indian Americans are Ph.D. holders.